

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th March 2009

IRTS AGM

The IRTS AGM weekend, which is hosted by the Shannon Basin Radio Club, takes place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April 2009. The venue is the Shamrock Lodge Hotel Athlone, which boasts ample car parking space and the best facilities around.

Tickets for the annual dinner are now available from Brian Canning EI8IU, Brian can be contacted on 086 2514822 or via email from [brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net)

There will also be a Rally and Annual General Meeting, for further details in relation to the dinner or rally please contact Brian EI8IU, Tony EI6DL, or Pat EI9HX There is also lots more information available on the AGM weekend from the IRTS website.

New IRTS Appointments

At last weeks committee meeting of the IRTS the following new appointments were made.

Trevor Dunne Ei2GLB to be the new VHF manager in place of Robbie Phelan EI2IP and Jason McGarrigle to be the new Regional Representative for Region 2 Donegal

We wish them well in their new appointments

5 MHz Renewals

As we told you recently the present 5 MHz permits expire on the expiry date of the associated licence and an application to ComReg is required for their continuance.

Where any change is being made in the equipment or the antenna being used, the location of the station or in the nature of the experiments being carried out then a full application must be made on ComReg form 02/07R2 Radio Experimenter Licence: Additional Authorisation (Powers and Frequencies) which is available on the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie

Where no changes are being made a letter or e-mail ([derek.oreilly /at/ comreg.ie](mailto:derek.oreilly@comreg.ie))

requesting continuance of the permission will suffice but it must explicitly state that no changes are being made to the equipment, antenna or in the nature of the experiments being carried out or the location of the station. Complying with these requirements will simplify the processing of these applications.

AREN Net

It is envisaged that the net on the 21st of the Month will be a digital mode training net. Members without email access should contact John, EI7IG at 0868167310 for more details.

European PSK Club Stations

The following European PSK Club stations have agreed to make an effort to be active solely on 10.140 on the 29th as a fáihte for EI stations

CS2EPC, DK0EPC, K1EPC, M0EPC, MI0EPC, N4EPC, PA30EPC

The above is the list so far although more stations may come available on the day.

30M Digital Group Awards

The 30 Metre Digital Group awards for EI stations who operated on 30 in Morse are valid even if made prior to the 29th so if anyone has Morse QSOs on 30 from before the start of other digital modes, they do count towards awards.

MI0EPC (if there is short skip) will be available for QSO as Gaeilge on request and also will be operating from WAI square J27 (Co Antrim)

Theory Classes in Cork

Theory classes are underway at the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork and the next class is on Saturday March 21st starting at 1000.

Anyone interested in joining the class should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or ei4bz at eircom dot net

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Cork Radio Club will be held in the Club premises at Assumption Road, Cork City, on Monday the 9th of March 2009.

The meeting will commence at 21.00.

South Dublin Radio Club

Theory Classes are still ongoing during Club meetings. The Club also has a free, study computer DVD for outreach students, which is still available. Michael EI2GK is the contact for Theory Classes at SDR and he can be contacted on 087 2481970.

SDR meets every Tuesday, more details on the Club website
www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Crossakiel Amateur Radio Club

CARA meets every Wednesday at 8pm in 'The Welcome Wagon' Crossakiel. Michael EI2GK is also available for Theory and can be contacted on 087 2481970

Rallies

Rallies during March include the Radio Hobbies and Electronics Fair in the Limerick Radisson SAS Hotel on Sunday 8th March, The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society Rally in Hillsborough, Co. Down on Saturday 14th March and the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally in Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh on Sunday 29th March.

More details of these events are also available on the IRTS web site at
www.irts.ie/rallies

QSY of AMTOR Mailbox

The AMTOR-mailbox DA5TOR, SELCALL "ATOR" will move its 40m access frequency in order to comply with the new IARU Region-1 bandplan per 29th of March. The new frequencies are 7047 kHz, 7049 kHz and 7051 kHz. The access frequencies on the other bands remain unchanged and still allow worldwide access.

All frequencies and technical details of the mailbox can be found on www.amtor.de .
The new activity-center of AMTOR is 7042 khz for direct connections.

Special Event Station

GB5SPD St. Patrick's Day

The Foyle & District Amateur Radio Club MN0AKU have been issued a Special Event Callsign - GB5SPD - to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day 2009.

The Club will be on the air to celebrate this event from Saturday, 14th March until Tuesday, 17th March, 2009

Certificate for operating VO-52

AMSAT India will issue a certificate to radio amateurs who establish two-way contact through the VO-52 ham radio satellite between now and May 5th. The first fifty certificates will be sponsored and includes postage. After the 50 certificates have been issued a fee will apply.

Please send your QSL card containing the details of your QSO on VO-52 to AMSAT India, No. 201, 2nd Main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore 560086 India. Make sure to include the mailing address where you would like to have the certificate sent.

History this week

1876 Bell - Granted US patent for his telephone.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, via e-mail to "charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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